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FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PLAT-
FORM.

"We favor the existing system of public highway laws with such amendments as may be necessary to make it more efficient and complete."

"We are in favor of one dollar per capita road tax instead of three dollars as provided by law."

I t is well known that there exists among the Republican county bosses of this state a plan by which, if they can succeed in getting a two-thirds majority in the house of representatives, they propose to pass, over the governor's veto, a law restoring the old system of district road bosses or the even worse precinct system. To those who were residents and voters in New Mexico during the old days of the precinct road boss a description of that system is unnecessary. They remember it all too well. To those who were not here and who do not know the joys of watching the road tax money mysteriously disappear into capacious pockets whence there is no return, it may be said that under this fine old system, in use in this state prior to the enactment of the present road board system, the county commissioners had power to appoint, at its worst, a road boss for each precinct, and at its best a road boss for each of three districts in each county, said bosses being charged with the duty of collecting the road tax and spending the same. No one has ever questioned the efficiency of these precinct and district bosses in collecting the road tax money. Their efficiency in spending it remains shrouded in the mystery of the above mentioned capacious pockets. All the public knows is that little of the money got into county roads.

The precinct and district road boss system provided a very effective bond of graft by which county political organizations were knit together. That no roads were built did not concern the Republican bosses of New Mexico. With them then as now the maintenance of the gang line was the all important thing. The people were left to whistle.

The fact is that very little effective road building ever was done until the present system of county road boards appointed by the governor of the state, came into effect. Governor McDonald named the first staff of county road boards. Under his appointment more actual, permanent road building has been done in this state than in all the previous years of its history.

The Republican bosses who will rule many of the Republican candidates for the legislature, should they be elected, propose to tear down this modern, clean, efficient, result getting system and restore the old road road graft.

The Democrats pledge themselves to maintain the present system, improving it if they can.

expert, who is on the staff of the bureau of plant industry, \$1600. The bureau pays him \$1000 and the state agricultural college pays him \$200. He thus receives a salary of \$2800, which secures the services of a first-class man. The salary arrangement is about the same in Laramie.

Bernalillo county has probably double the agricultural area of Colfax county and three times that of Luna county. Such of this agricultural area as is being farmed, save for a very small portion, is not being well farmed. In fact it is being poorly farmed. There is no section of the state which could be benefited more by constant, intelligent day-by-day farming instruction than this county.

Probably there is no disposition of county funds possible, in equal amount, which would go so far to increase development and production here in this valley as money spent for an agricultural expert, administrator and teacher. The matter merits careful investigation by the Commercial club and the county commissioners.

HISTORIC MONTICELLO.
CONGRESSMAN JEFFERSON C. M. LEVY, who represents a New York city district, and who has for several years owned Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, near Charlottesville, Va., has asked the United States government to buy from him the historic estate, comprising about 400 acres. The government should acquire this property. Next to the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon, no place in America is regarded with so much veneration, perhaps, as Monticello, where Jefferson spent the greater part of his mature life, and where his bones lie buried.

His father, Peter Jefferson, moved from his estate in tidewater Virginia and "patented" a tract of about 1600 acres of land 20 miles east of the Blue Ridge and among the foothills of the Southwest mountains. But on this large tract he found no attractive site for a home. He then purchased from a neighbor a smaller tract—400 acres—where he built a comfortable house. The place was called Shadwell, after Shadwell street in London. Thomas Jefferson was born in the old residence at Shadwell, and there lived until he was 27 years of age. From boyhood, Thomas favorite spot on the estate was Little mountain.

While Thomas Jefferson was a member of the house of burgesses he began the erection of his residence on the summit of Little mountain. The name of the estate was changed to Monticello. In 1770, before the present residence was completed, the Shadwell mansion was destroyed by fire.

The Monticello building was designed by Mr. Jefferson, who was a man of artistic taste as well as classical education. The Marquis de Chastellux in a book of travels refers to a visit to Monticello in 1812. Of Jefferson he says: "He was the first American who has consulted the fine arts to know how to shelter himself from the weather."

Congressman Levy has kept Monticello in excellent condition. The house is not only attractive in appearance, but is a comfortable habitation.

Very little of the estate is under cultivation, and from a romantic point of view its primeval trees and rugged scenery greatly enhance the value of the place.

It is not recalled what Mr. Levy paid for Monticello, but when he asks \$60,000 for it, Uncle Sam is likely to shake his head.

Congressman Levy's suggestion is that it be used as a summer home of the president.

A FEW NUTS TO CRACK.

THE above is the title of a neatly printed little folder issued by the Republican state central committee of New Mexico, purporting to give certain reasons why the Republican party should win in the November election.

Among other things this little pamphlet contains the platform adopted by the recent stand-pat convention in Santa Fe, which in itself will be admitted to be quite a nut.

This platform, in turn, contains among other things that stern re-buke to the Governor of New Mexico in which his course in requiring accurate bookkeeping, good service and honesty in county office is branded as "pernicious and offensive meddling."

Also this same platform contains that plank in which President Wilson's administration is viciously condemned for having restored to the public domain in Rio Arriba, Sandia, McKinley and San Juan counties some 240,000 acres, withdrawn from the public use by Republican presidents. These are two especially noteworthy nuts we find on glancing through the pamphlet.

In fact it may be said that there is a growing feeling around the state that nuts had a lot to do with the framing of the latest stand-pat platform at Santa Fe, and that most of them were cracked.

AN AGRICULTURAL EXPERT.

CTING in conjunction with the bureau of plant industry and the state agricultural college two New Mexico counties, Luna and Colfax, have arranged for county agricultural experts, trained men who will devote their entire time to the farmers of the county, in instruction, introduction of improved methods, more adaptable crops; in a word, men who will be able to give the individual farmer practical advice, assistance and instruction along every line of his business. Chaves county is now considering the employment of such an expert, the president of the state college being in the Pecos valley now in that connection.

In Colfax county the commissioners have agreed to pay the county

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publican revision of the tariff downward, to now ask the Democrats and Progressives of this county to send another Republican to represent us in order to remedy things.—Farmington Times-Herald.

Seeing Things.

In urging B. C. Hernandez on the voters of this state is Ralph C. Ely, exercising his well known ability to see visions and dream dreams, or he just whistling while he is passing the graveyard.—Deming Herald.

The Issue.

Never forget that two of the principal issues in this campaign is that of sustaining Governor McDonald in the stand he has taken on the county officers' salaries and an equitable law. If you wish to sustain the governor you will vote for the Democratic nominees for the legislature. If, on the contrary, you believe public office is a private snap and that county officers are entitled to receive salaries several times larger than like services are paid for in the business world, and you believe in a system of taxation which throws the heaviest burden on the small property owner, then you should oppose the Democratic nominees. As far as state politics are concerned this is the issue.—Raton Reporter.

Lost: One Major.

Somewhere, somewhere, we have lost one full-grown politician, familiarly known as "the Major" and think the people of the Mesilla valley might look him up. When last heard from he was engaged in a big mineral water scheme, and you can't run politics on mineral water.—Carizzo Springs.

CHARGE FRENCH ARE REAL BARBARIANS IN THE PRESENT WAR

(Associated Press Correspondence.)

THE HAGUE, Sept. 22.—White German newspapers have studiously restrained from remarks concerning the attitude of the Alsatians toward the hostile camps in the western theater of war, a Swiss who followed the operations of the French and Germans in the *Sandau* is quoted in the *Cologne Gazette* as saying:

"The French regularly, during an engagement, bombarded the villages for hours, maintaining a terrible fire, incites for which the Alsatians have come to dislike them extremely. It is remarkable, however, how Germans and the Alsatians have become of a sudden. What 44 years failed to accomplish in this respect, a few hours of the European war have done."

The Alsatian serving in the German army is doing his duty. With the spilling of blood came a fraternal feeling, best expressed, perhaps, in the saying: 'Our troops fought at such and such a place, lost or won at this or that point.' 'Our' troops, of course, are the Germans because the Alsatians and Lorraines have fought where the fighting was hottest, and now they are proud of the sacrifices in blood and life they have made.

"Something must be said for the German volunteers. They fight well. A few thousand of them arrived just in time to participate in the rear guard action fought by the Germans after the battle of Tannen. Fresh French troops had been sent to make the best of the German retreat. But the volunteers were brave, and the French had to go back. What these young troops lack in training is discounted by their eagerness to fight, and which seems to increase as the battle gets more desperate. There is much enthusiasm in the volunteers."

PANAMA TO CO-OPERATE IN SUPPRESSION OF THE OPIUM TRAFFIC

(Associated Press Correspondence.)

PANAMA, Sept. 28.—Panama has agreed to co-operate with the canal authorities in the suppression of the opium traffic. Notice has been given to Low Lam, the Chinaman who has for years enjoyed a monopolistic concession for the sale of opium in Panama, that his contract will be terminated at the end of 30 days' time. By this action the republic will lose \$20,000 annual revenue, which was the price Low Lam paid for his concession.

The abrogation of this contract sooner or later had been foreseen, since Panama was one of the signatories to the international convention for the suppression of the opium traffic, but Panama would not be bound to observe the convention until its general ratification.

The action is highly gratifying to the canal authorities, who have been fighting against a spread of the opium habit among the Chinese and others in the canal district. Several cases involving the prosecution of alleged opium smugglers have been set for trial in the United States district court for the zone.

It is said that a quantity of the drug is being smuggled across the Colombian border. The Panama government has sent a special police force to that section in an effort to stamp out the alleged smuggling.

New Mexico Political Note and Comment

A Matter of Opinion.

Some people insist that Catron should be in Washington attending to his duties as representative of the people in the senate. It is a little expensive, perhaps, but it may be that New Mexico is better off with Catron not in Washington.—Carizzo Springs.

A Big Card Coming.

Senator Albert B. Fall, O. A. Larrazabal and Nestor Montoya will visit Las Cruces within a fortnight to discuss the issues of the campaign.—Las Cruces Citizen.

Time for a Change.

We have had a Republican representative from this county for at least sixteen years. We also had a Republican majority in the legislature which controlled all appropriations and all laws pertaining to taxation, the things of which they now control. It is a joke equal to the Re-

5 Women Avoid Operations

For years we have been stating in the newspapers of the country that a great many women have escaped serious operations by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it is true.

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2. CHARLOTTE, N. C.—"I was in bad health for two years, with pains in both sides and was very nervous. I had a growth which the doctor said was a tumor, and I never would get well unless I had an operation. A friend advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I gladly say that I am now enjoying fine health."—Mrs. ROSA SIMS, 16 Winona St., Charlotte, N. C.

3. HANOVER, PA.—"The doctor advised a severe operation, but my husband got me Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I became regular and free and can do a hard day's work and not mind it."—Mrs. ADA WILT, 196 Stock St., Hanover, Pa.

4. DECATUR, ILL.—"I was sick in bed and three of the best physicians said I would have to be taken to the hospital for an operation as I had something growing in my left side. I refused to submit to the operation and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—and it worked a miracle in my case, and I tell other women what it has done for me."—Mrs. LATRA A. GRISWOLD, 2300 Elk, East William Street, Decatur, Ill.

5. CLEVELAND, OHIO.—"I was very irregular and for several years my side pained me so that I expected to have to undergo an operation. Doctors said they knew of nothing that would help me. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I became regular and free from pain, am thankful for such a good medicine and will always give it the highest praise."—Mrs. C. H. GRIFFITH, 726 Madison Av., Cleveland, O.

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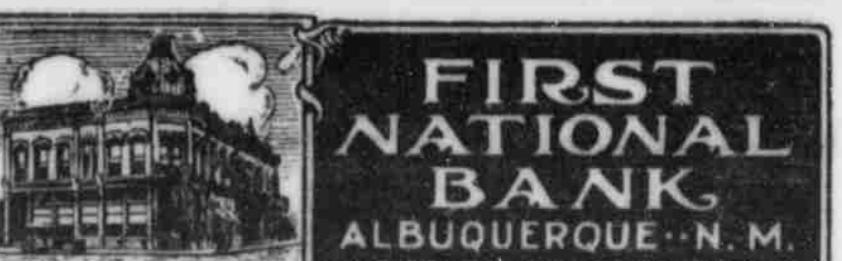
Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 15.—The unity of Christian churches is with each year becoming a less remote possibility, according to the report of the commission of Christian Union which was presented at the general convention of the Disciples of Christ here today.

The commission has been at work only four years. Headed by the Rev. Dr. Peter Ainslie of Baltimore, it has headquarters in that city, from which it has distributed more than 26,000 letters to all parts of the world in the interest of a more cordial relationship among Christians of all names and creeds.

It regards the barriers to cooperation among Christians in this day to be due largely to the lack of acquaintance. Its efforts have been given to remove suspicion and to create an atmosphere of confidence and friendliness.

The president of the commission with the Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth of the Congregational church, and Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts, of the Presbyterian church, visited the churches of Great Britain and Ireland last winter in the interest of a world conference on faith and order. They secured the cooperation of all the Protestant communions. Later Dr. Ainslie, the president of the commission, returned to Europe as a delegate to the church press conference at Constance, which, however, was interrupted by the war, but he returned to America through England and there held conferences in the interest of Christian union.

The commission is giving its support toward a world conference to include all Christendom. Neither the



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